

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
PUBLIC SESSION
MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2017
7:00P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Yeargin called the meeting to order at 7:10p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Mayor Eugene W. Grant, Councilmember Charl Jones (Excused), Councilmember Hope Love, Councilmember Lamar Maxwell, Councilmember Shireka McCarthy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gloria L. Sistrunk, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Weyimi Ayu, Director of Economic Development, Dashaun N. Lanham, City Clerk, Lavon Lucas, Code Enforcement Officer, Jeannelle Wallace, City Administrator,

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Councilmember Yeargin

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember McCarthy. The motion carried and the agenda was unanimously approved by the Council.

1.1.5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- It was motioned by Councilmember Porter and seconded by Councilmember Maxwell to approve the Regular Work Session Minutes meeting minutes for Monday, September 11, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.
- It was motioned by Councilmember McCarthy and seconded by Councilmember Porter to approve the Public Session meeting minutes for Monday, September 11, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

- It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve the Special Session meeting minutes for Monday, September 18, 2017. The motion carried and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

2.1. Timothy S. Ailsworth, Executive Director of LGIT

- Mr. Ailsworth stated that the City of Seat Pleasant has received the award for two grants from LGIT, the Law Enforcement Body Camera grant in the amount of \$5,000 and the Law Enforcement Memorial Grant in the amount of \$5,000.
- Mr. Ailsworth provided the checks to the City Administrator Jeannelle Wallace.

3. LEGISLATION

3.1. Ordinance O-18-02 Amendment of Chapter 148-Vacant Property Registration was introduced by the City Council and read by the City Clerk on Monday, October 2, 2017. The second reading was held on Monday, October 9, 2017. It was motioned by Councilmember Maxwell and seconded by Councilmember Love to approve Ordinance O-18-02 the motion carried and was unanimously approved by the City Council.

4. REPORTS:

4.1. Council President Report

- Council President Yeargin stated that the report for the month of September 2017 has been included in the paperless agenda packet.

4.2. Mayor Eugene W. Grant

- Mayor Grant stated that the City of Seat Pleasant is on the move. We have a lot of things happening that the citizens will not see in the physical.
- The IOC is complete and the brain for the City of Seat Pleasant is in place. We cannot thank the IBM the Director of Public Engagement for their diligence in getting the IOC up for the city. We are inputting the data.

- The City met today with GOVQA for the data to be uploaded to the IOC and it will give the tools to the Code Enforcement Officer to do their job fully.
- The City of Seat Pleasant participated in the Smart Cities Week and the Mayor was a part of a panel. The City had a booth at the Smart Cities week in Washington, DC last week. Smart Cities week is one of the premier events in the nation. We were the only city that presented during the conference. We met with several companies during the conference.
- We are one of the test bed of innovation for technology in the city. The benefit is the city will learn and benefit from the technology.
- Every home in America has about twenty IOT's that connect to one another.
- The IOC is what makes the city unique that will allow the staff the do prescriptive, descriptive and cognitive analytics. We cannot have the attitude that we are too small to grow. We need to multiply our talents. We are transportation hub with metro access and highways that we should advantage in the city.
- We need to conscious of the fact evaluations of the city is changing of the city. The value of the property values has increased in the city.
- Bringing in the IOC and marketing ourselves as a Smart City is to our advantage.
- We will have some major announcements at the State of City in January 19, 2018.
- Mayor Grant have several speaking engagements coming up on Smart Cities.
- We all will be attending the City Summit Conference in Charlotte, NC for the National League of Cities in November 2017.
- Mayor Grant stated that he hoped the training with Mr. Biddiex this evening to allow you to see and track the finances of the city. The City Council can pull up the data during the ward meetings. We are being open and transparent to the citizens.
- We need to focus on the positive things and leave the negative sayings and people in the background.
- Mayor Grant stated that he is champion the cost for small cities in the world. Wait until you see the innovation village forthcoming.
- Mayor Grant stated that we have phenomenal staff starting with Mrs. Wallace with 40 years of experience. We hired millennials, as they come in with their degrees it is a balance. He encouraged the City

Council to go back to the BFO's to refresh their minds on Economic Development for grants will be exceeded. We started this process on August 8, 2015 and we have come a long way in a year. The process with USDA normally takes two years. We will be out of this building in November.

- The Former Secretary of Agriculture met with Mayor Grant two weeks ago and he was an appointee by President Obama. He was very instrumental in the City getting the grant to refurbish City Hall and Public Works Facilities. We are one of three African American Communities that had taken advantage of the program through USDA.
- Mayor Grant stated that we must put the citizens first and every councilmember has put them first.

4.3. City Administrator Report

- Mrs. Wallace stated that the Mayor left out one important point for the Economic Development spear headed the paper work to get the money in the bank.
- The Administration and the rest of the departments have been busy with the first MBE day in the city on September 28, 2017.
- The NetSuite program is being used throughout the government, which has created transparency for the government.
- The newsletter for the month of November will have information regarding recycle similarly to the WSSC can the grease program.
- Mayor Grant stated that the city will be seeking a grant to obtain the receptacle cans. We wanted to create a plan for replacement of the receptacle cans if lost or stolen. We have 1,650 homes in Seat Pleasant for provide the receptacle bins.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. None

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. None

7 CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Ms. Mary Christine Samuels, 6914 G St., stated that she has a concern with a property in her area. She wanted to know what is the length of time that a property stays vacant before the city steps in to do something. The property has people cutting through the yard. There's a property in the back of her home is vacant and it's an issue with people hanging on the property. She keeps up her street by sweeping the street. The vacancies need to come to an end. Mayor Grant requested that Ms. Samuels meet with the Code Enforcement Officer to discuss her concerns.
- Wilhelmina Evans, stated that she knows some of the councilmember's and some she doesn't know. She has problem with communicating with some of the councilmembers. She needs to be able to communicate with them. She needs to talk with someone to understand what's going on.


8 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. MML Fall Conference, Wednesday, October 11-Saturday, October 14, 2017, Rockville, MD.**
- 8.2. Ward I, II & V Monthly Meeting, Monday, October 16, 2017, Seat Pleasant City Hall-Council Chambers at 9:30a.m.**
- 8.3. Regular Work Session, Monday, November 6, 2017, Seat Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department**

9. ADJOURN-

The meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Submitted by,


Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk